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12 March 1979

MEMORANDUM FOR: Director of Central Intelligence
VIA : Deputy Director for National Foreign Assessment
FROM : Coordinator for Academic Relations, NFAC
SUBJECT : Soviet Nationalities

1. Action Requested: None, this is for your information in response to your memorandum of 27 February (attached).

2.

[redacted] He was a bit difficult to run down. He said he will be delighted to consult, "write papers," and otherwise help us. He also said though that he would much prefer to do so at the lowest possible security classification ("because I am a scholar and write for publication and don't want to have to clear everything I write"). [redacted] who knows [redacted] and esteems him highly, says that he can be used to good advantage with only a SECRET clearance. [redacted] also believes Security might have difficulty clearing [redacted] for codeword materials because he was a [redacted] and probably still has relatives [redacted] promised to send me a bio when he returns to New York later this month. I'll ask Security to look at it and tell me whether [redacted] might be cleared at the highest level. If it is considered possible and if [redacted] presses [redacted] a bit, I believe he would agree, albeit reluctantly. [redacted] was very pleased at your compliment, which I passed on to him.

3. On the subject of local Soviet newspapers such as [redacted]

[redacted] referred to: their procurement is the responsibility of the NFAC Office of Central Reference (OCR). Harry Eisenbeiss is looking into the possibilities and will report his findings later.

4. On whether the Soviets are using their own Muslims to penetrate their neighbors: The Soviets are doing this to a degree. They are said to have hundreds, possibly over a thousand, Muslims in

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their aid missions to Muslim countries in the Middle East and North Africa. They certainly do try to exploit Muslim connections across their border with China. Furthermore, their penetration of Afghanistan, whatever it amounts to, does indicate some disposition do as the paper you sent me says. But they also exhibit signs of considerable nervousness regarding the vulnerability of their Muslim minority to cross-border infection. [] thinks the two dispositions, though different in kind, one being a somewhat aggressive opportunism, the other a sense of potential insecurity verging upon fear, probably are equally prevalent.

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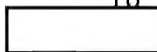
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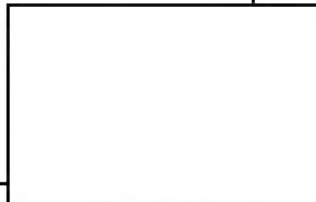
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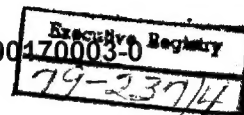


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1. I found our dinner meeting on the Soviet minorities issue very stimulating and helpful. You certainly organized it well and [] certainly kicked it off in a stimulating manner. I was particularly impressed by [] and hope we can find ways to engage him in our activities here as a panelist consultant, etc.

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2. By coincidence, a few days after this meeting I received the attached paper suggesting a need for translating and interpreting journals and newspapers published in the Muslim areas of the Soviet

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3. I also wonder a little about the hypothesis of the paper that the Soviets are using their Muslim population to be a spearhead for penetration and subversion of their inept Muslim neighbors. I almost got the impression from our dinner conversation that the Soviets might be wary of annexing more Muslim populations, considering the problems they're having of absorbing those which they currently have.

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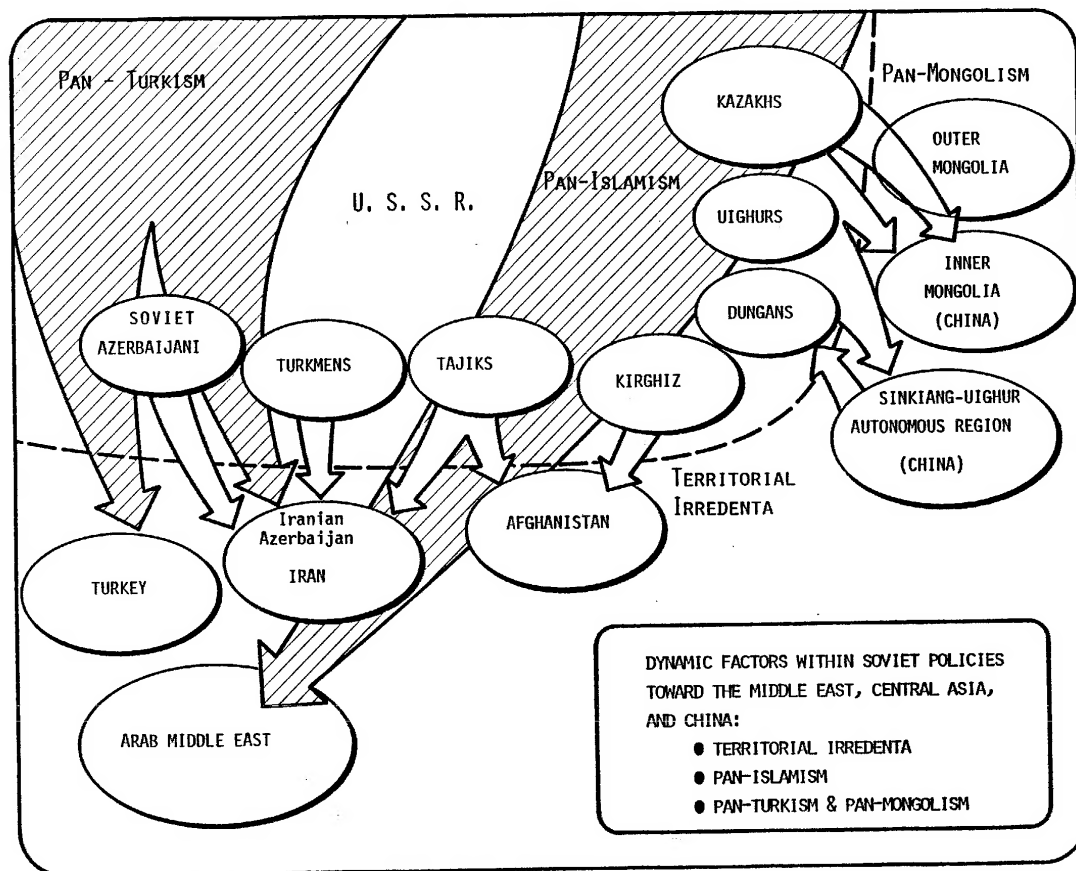


FIGURE 1

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FOR SOVIET PENETRATION OF MUSLIM COUNTRIES AND CHINA

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